

**The Biggleswade Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses
Annual Receipts and Payments Account
For the Year Ended March 31, 2015**

Registered Charity Number: 1066658
HMRC Tax Reference: XN39485

	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds
	2015	2014
	£	£
Receipts		
Voluntary sources		
Donations for local congregation expenses	85,617	35,308
Gift Aid reclaimed from HMRC	2,261	1,333
Investment income		
Interest		
Other receipts		
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	87,878	36,641
Receipts resulting from movements on assets and investments		
Loan received from Watch Tower	-	100,000
Total Receipts	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	87,878	136,641
Payments		
Costs of charitable activities		
Donations to Watch Tower for Worldwide Work	87,000	
Donations to Watch Tower for KHAA	306	300
Donations to Watch Tower for TOAA	300	
Donations to Neighbouring Congregation	130	665
Kingdom Hall operation and maintenance	7,836	3,446
Hire of coach for convention	2,382	2,850
Circuit overseer expenses	558	195
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	98,512	7,456
Payments resulting from movements on assets and investments		
Land purchased (Paymanets re New Build)		226,914
Loan repayments to Watch Tower		5,000
Total Payments	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	98,512	239,370
Net Receipt/(Payment) for the year	- 10,634	- 102,729
Total cash assets brought forward	<hr/>	<hr/>
	24,291	127,020
Total cash assets carried forward	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
	13,657	24,291

Signed

Date:.....

Secretary for the Trustees of the Biggleswade Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of 'The Biggleswade Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses' Trust

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 March 2015.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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29 June 2015

Annual Report

BIGGLESWADE CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2015

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity Number 1066658

The registered address of the congregation is The Kingdom Hall, 5 Shortmead Street, Biggleswade, SG18 0AT

On the date this report was approved, the congregation was administered by the following trustees:

Chairman: Martin Harker Secretary: George Worth
Other trustees: Stuart Blackman, Graham Pinckney, Jeremy Pidgeon, Neil Stevens,
Philip Stevenson, Anthony Stribling, Kristian Viney.

John Storton also served as a trustee until January 2015 when he moved from the area.

The Kingdom Hall in Shortmead Street, Biggleswade is held in trust for the congregation by the Kingdom Hall Trust

Structure, Governance and Management

The congregation is an unincorporated association constituted by Memorandum of Constitution dated 29th May 1997 ('the Constitution'). The congregation is affiliated with Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Britain ('the Society').

New trustees are selected by the existing trustees from among congregation members, and are duly appointed pursuant to the Constitution.

The affairs of the congregation are managed by the trustees who as members of the charity work closely together and meetings are called whenever required, but at least three times a year. All major decisions are made by formal resolutions at meetings of Congregation members as provided for in the Constitution.

The trustees and other persons engaged in the activities of the congregation have done so on a voluntary unpaid basis.

Objectives, Activities and Public Benefit

The Constitution restricts the operation of the congregation and the use of its assets to religious purposes. It defines the objects of the congregation as 'the practice and advancement of Christianity founded on the Holy Bible, including the preaching of the good news of God's Kingdom by Jesus Christ within the Congregation Area and the holding of meetings for public

Christian worship'. For this purpose the congregation undertakes the following activities: Holding and arranging meetings for public religious worship; Teaching of the Bible and the gospel of Christ at these public meetings; Teaching and preaching the gospel to the public within the congregation area; Distribution of Bible and other religious literature to the public in the congregation area.

These meetings are provided, and ministry engaged in, without charge to adherents or the general public. Both provide opportunities for fellowship along with the praise and worship of God. They serve to advance religious education among both Christians and the wider public by providing training in reading, teaching, and applying the Bible. Further, through the teaching of principles of Christian living, which include respect for secular authority, persons, and property, and the maintenance of personal morality and family values, individuals are aided to change their lives in harmony with such principles. This affords those who follow the teachings of Jesus an approved moral climate, better marital, employer-employee, and social relationships, and greater happiness and contentment.

The trustees confirm that they have taken into consideration Charity Commission guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers or duties.

Achievements, performance and financial review

The congregation is primarily funded by voluntary donations made by congregation members and others, supplemented by banking interest. Throughout the year such funds have been used to provide facilities for the holding of regular weekly meetings for worship and Bible study. Donations have been made by congregation members towards the cost of circuit assemblies and other conventions held in the year. Funds have also been donated to the Society to assist them in carrying out their related religious purposes.

Noteworthy expenses were the Donation to the Letchworth Baldock Congregation of £130.00 towards costs of food for the pioneer school, donations totaling £87606.00 to the Society and amounts totaling £2006.94 for projector and computer equipment.

The charity has a consistent income base, through donations from congregation members, some of which is by tax effective means. Based on this income, we can plan confidently with relatively small reserves. The policy on reserves is to ensure that we have free reserves on hand, not designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed, equivalent to not less than 3 months working expenditure. At the year-end, the free reserves were roughly equal to 20 months working expenditure.

These funds are held to finance the future activities of the congregation.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 28th May 2015 and signed on its behalf

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Chairman

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Secretary